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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10593-4
Serial No. 09/814,422	Filing Date March 21, 2001	Examiner B. Pantuck	Group Art Unit 3731
Inventor(s) Emin Tuncay Ustuner			
Title of Invention AUTOMATIC SURGICAL SUTURING INSTRUMENT AND METHOD			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement and return post card.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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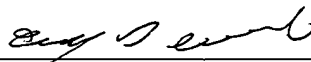
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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